

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence having at least ~~about~~ 95% sequence identity to ~~[[an]]~~ **the** amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2, wherein the polypeptide is associated with cell proliferation.
4. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide of claim 3 encoding a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.
5. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the polynucleotide of claim 3, wherein said conditions comprise 37°C in 500 mM NaCl, 50 mM trisodium citrate, 1% SDS, 35% formamide, and 100 µg/ml denatured salmon sperm DNA (ssDNA).
6. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide sequence of claim 3.
7. (Currently amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a polynucleotide sequence having at least ~~about~~ 95% **sequence** identity to the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7, wherein the polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide associated with cell proliferation.
8. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide of claim 7 comprising a polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO:7.
9. (Previously presented) An isolated polynucleotide having a sequence which is complementary to the polynucleotide of claim 7.

10. (Previously presented) An expression vector comprising at least a fragment of the polynucleotide of claim 3.

11. (Previously presented) An isolated host cell comprising the expression vector of claim 10.

12-21. (Cancelled)